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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1992-96) $112 600 000

(AFG/88/001) - Eastern Afghanistan Rural Rehabilitation Programme
(Supplementary Assistance)

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| Date of approval by the AC:[1] | 12 February 1992 | |
| Expected duration: | One year | |
| Proposed executing agency: | UNDP/OPS | |
| Proposed UNDP contribution: | $5 000 000 | Source of funds: IPF |
| Third-party cost sharing: | $ 300 000 | Source of funds: UNOCA/ Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund |
| Previous UNDP budget: | $15 665 300 | |
| Total UNDP budget: | $20 965 300 | |

## Project background

Rural Afghanistan has been devastated by war over the last 13 years. A large group of the population (approximately five and a half million) left the country and are now refugees in Pakistan and Iran. Another two million people have been internally displaced. Those who remained have seen their irrigation systems, general infrastructure, agriculture and livestock production systems destroyed or severely damaged by lack of maintenance.

The ongoing project began in April 1989. Based in Peshawar with sub-offices in Quetta and Islamabad, the project constitutes a principal component of UNDP's strategy for rehabilitation in Afghanistan entailing progressive penetration of rural areas, addressing key rehabilitation problems with an emphasis on achieving immediate, positive and visible results. Rehabilitation and reconstruction activities under this project have been carried out in areas where the Government has no presence through the contracted services of NGOs, both international and Afghan, operating inside Afghanistan across the Pakistan border.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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As of 30 September 1991, 158 subcontracts with NGOs, totaling (US)$9.9 million have been signed, of which 95 have completed fieldwork. These subcontracts have covered rehabilitation and reconstruction support activities in agriculture (extension services and crops), livestock, land and water (irrigation and potable water), and land transport (repair of secondary and tertiary roads). Recently, as a result of UNOCA's diminishing operational role, the Disabled Afghans Project has been transferred to UNDP/OPS under the umbrella of AFG/88/A01.

The July 1991 evaluation confirmed that through the impact of the project, living conditions had been significantly improved for many Afghans who have remained in Afghanistan during the ongoing civil strife. The evaluation concluded that on balance the project was effective and should continue assisting in rehabilitation in the four above-noted sub-sectors. It was also recommended that the project increasingly take a lead role in targeting resources both geographically as well as within specified priority areas, security and accessibility permitting. The evaluation also recommended increased attention to monitoring.

On 3 November 1991, a Tripartite Review was held in Kabul with participation from the complementary project AFG/90/007 Northern Rural Rehabilitation. In addition to confirming the above points, criteria for concentration of the programme and management modalities for enhanced impact were agreed upon.

## Description of project

The development objective of the project is to restore basic rural infrastructure and capacity for food production in Eastern Afghanistan. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) build and/or strengthen the technical and administrative capacity of Afghan NGOs and professional groups to undertake rehabilitation/reconstruction works; (b) enhance the quantity and quality of subcontract monitoring; and (c) incorporate the decisions and recommendations which arose out of the evaluation in July 1991 and the Tripartite Review held on 3 November 1991.

## Inputs

UNDP will provide 12 work-months of a project manager, a team of experts consisting of two agronomists, an irrigation engineer, a veterinarian, a construction engineer, a civil engineer, and programme and administrative officers; 120 work-months of national experts; a large number of small subcontracts with NGOs based in Pakistan; office equipment; and miscellaneous costs. The UNOCA Trust Fund contribution will cover six work-months of consultants and a subcontract for an ongoing programme for the disabled.

## Financial data

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| Personnel | 835 200 |
| Subcontract | 4 335 600 |
| Equipment | 64 500 |
| Miscellaneous | 35 000 |
| Support costs | 29 700 |
| Total | 5 300 000 |

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